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DEPARTMENT PASS TREASURY

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: LOCAL PRESS HAS REPORTED SHIPMENT ON FEBRUARY 27 OF ONE AND ONE HALF TONS OF NORTH KOREAN GOLD VALUED AT TWENTY MILLION MARKS (DOLS 7.84 MILLION) VIA WEST BERLIN DESTINED FOR WEST GERMAN STATE MINT COMPANY, DEGUSSA. BULLION WAS SHIPPED TO GDR AIRPORT AT SCHOENEFELD THEN CONVOYED UNDER HEAVY POLICE GUARD FROM WALL CROSSING POINT TO WEST BERLIN'S TEGEL AIRPORT, FROM WHENCE IT WAS FLOWN BY PAN AM TO FRANKFURT. END UNCLASSIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: PAN AM MANAGEMENT HAS CONFIRMED SHIPMENT, VALUE OF WHICH IT SAID WAS SOMEWHAT LESS, DOLS 6.1 MILLION, THAN PUBLISHED REPORT. ACCORDING TO PANAM, GOLD WAS SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO SCHOENEFELD BY CONSIGNEE, KOREAN TRADING CORPORATION, UTILIZING REGULAR NORTH KOREAN DIPLOMATIC COURIER FLIGHT. FROM FRANKFURT BULLION WAS TRANSPORTED BY TRUCK TO DEGUSSA FIRM IN COLOGNE AREA PRESUMABLY FOR PROCESSING. GEORGE

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